

# The Romulus News

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## Timely Tidbits ...

### RHS Homecoming Happenings

Spirits are high at Romulus High School, where the celebration of Homecoming Week is already well underway. As always, students hope to get plenty of community support at the game, which is set for 7 p.m. on Friday, October 10. For more information, please see page 7.

### Dad/Daughter Dance Set for October 22

The Romulus Recreation Department's annual Daddy/Daughter Dance will be held at Romulus Middle School (37300 Wick Road) on Wednesday, October 22, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. A cost of \$7 per couple (plus \$2 for each additional daughter) covers music and refreshments plus a flower for each daughter. Tickets must be purchased no later than 5 p.m. on Monday, October 20; cash only, please.

For more information, call the Recreation office: 942-6852.

### Scary Story Time at the Public Library

Storyteller Linda Day will visit the Romulus Public Library (located at 11121 South Wayne Road, near City Hall) at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, October 29, to entertain youngsters with a variety of seasonal stories, including some that are scary, some that are humorous, and some that contain a lesson. For more information on this free program, call the Library (942-7589) during its regular open hours: Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Saturday from 12 to 5 p.m.

### Public Hearing

The United States Environmental Protection Agency will host a public hearing on Wednesday, October 22, to allow concerned citizens to comment on Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc.'s proposed injection-well project on Citrin Drive. For more information, see the notice on page 5.

## Candidates Discuss Issues, Priorities



Robert McLachlan



Donald Morris



Councilman Michael Prybyla

*Editor's note: In this issue, The Romulus News continues its focus on candidates for Romulus City Council with profiles of Robert McLachlan, Donald Morris, and incumbent Michael Prybyla. Watch for more candidate profiles in our October 24 issue.*

### Robert W. McLachlan

If you don't believe that the perseverance of a single private citizen can be a major factor in getting the sometimes rusty wheels of government moving, you don't know Robert McLachlan.

The past president of the Halecreek Community Association was by far the most visible and vocal spokesperson for his neighborhood's ultimately successful campaign to convince the City of Romulus to do extensive repairs and reconstruction work on several roads within the Meadows Subdivision.

"This problem was previously ignored by the City for more than 10 years," he said. "Since the [Meadows] 'road issue' received so much attention, the City is now responding to other problem roads."

McLachlan says that he's committed to properly constructed, well-maintained roads in all neighborhoods: "There are many roads in our community that need attention. I would never expect – as others have expected – residents to travel on unkempt, unsafe roads in their own neighborhoods. An annual maintenance program needs to be in place to provide preventative care

to these roads to extend their life-span. Additionally, short- and long-term needs must be identified and prioritized."

Among other concerns outlined by McLachlan were the City's policies on economic growth and tax abatements.

"The tax base in Romulus is expanding with the addition of many new industrial enterprises and new residential development," he stated. "We can further take advantage of this growth by encouraging greater retail commerce within our city, yet being watchful for overdevelopment. Areas of concern are hotels, gas stations, and parking lots, to name a few.

"With regard to abatements," he continued, "these are intended to be used by municipalities as a tool to lure business and industry to an area targeted for development. It is my position that the abatement vehicle is overutilized in Romulus. Because of the 'uniqueness' of Romulus, with its close proximity to the Airport, freeways, and rail services, many businesses will naturally locate here with or without an abatement. I do not believe that it is fair or morally correct for the rest of the community to bear the burden of these new industries – and by 'burden,' I am referring to the cost of additional police and fire service, increased traffic (especially trucks), etc. – without reaping the tax benefit."

McLachlan's emphasis on fairness in services-versus-cost is also evident

in his concerns regarding water bills: "I question the wisdom and logic – as well as the legality – of supporting the practice of amassing over \$2.2 million in profit on water bills, including over \$1.4 million from just one year. If this money is being stockpiled for a future use, the taxpayers are most certainly entitled to full disclosure."

Another of McLachlan's priorities is public safety.

"Given the current growth rate in the City of Romulus, I believe that a full-time fire department is a necessary, obtainable goal. Furthermore, that goal can be accomplished *without an increase in the tax levy* because of our overall increase in tax base due to increased SEV throughout the City," he said. "I am currently working on a plan that would add 12 full-time positions to the department – ideally, three at each station. These positions would be augmented by the paid-on-call division. Additionally, I would propose that the Romulus Fire Department transport our city's own EMS runs."

McLachlan's public-health concerns extend to environmental safety, as well.

"First and foremost," he said, "I am, was, and always will be opposed to any hazardous waste injection well in our city. I will never be convinced that they are a safe alternative to other technological methods that are available to us. I support the legal battle to prevent the

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## PROFILES OF CANDIDATES FOR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL

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well's opening.

"I do have some serious doubts as to how we got into this situation," he continued. "I believe that there was a great deal of pressure placed upon misinformed or ill-informed people, who then made either hasty decisions or failed to be decisive. I also believe that greed was a factor. Although many can say that hindsight is 20/20, I believe that foresight (*forethought*) is far better."

McLachlan was also adamant in stating his views about Airport expansion and parking.

"Romulus residents can benefit from some aspects of the Airport expansion," he explained. "We have a unique opportunity to attract larger restaurants and entertainment venues to our city, especially along the I-94 and I-275 corridors as well as the perimeter of the Airport."

"What we don't need, though, is more parking spaces! For the seasonal rush periods we experience, we can alleviate most if not all of the traffic congestion at full lots by simply enforcing the law. It is Wayne County's responsibility to provide parking for its customers. If we, as a City, must have additional parking lots, I would propose constructing a municipal parking lot, whereby Romulus taxpayers would receive 100% of the proceeds, instead of allowing yet another outside investor to come here to turn a buck."

McLachlan supports the idea of more parks and recreation development as much as he opposes the development of parking lots.

"Although the Parks and Recreation Department, in my opinion, does a good job providing services to our community, the area east of the Airport is sorely lacking. I would work with the School District and the business community (in fact, I already have some information regarding a grant) with the intent of creating a park near Halecreek School. As things stand now, residents of the Meadows Subdivision have nowhere to let their children play except on the limited facilities at the school or out in the streets. I would add a ball diamond, possibly a soccer field, and a hard surface for street hockey. Additionally, I would add a track for safer walking and jogging (currently, the gym classes at the school run through the parking lots and in front of the school). Since the properties in question are already owned by either the City or the School, the cost for such a park would be very minimal."

Concerning ordinance enforcement, McLachlan stated, "Some major strides have been made recently within the Department, but there is still some work to do. We must assure consistency, uniformity, and follow-through with ordinance matters. We must remove

the political hamstrings from our ordinance officers and empower them to do their jobs."

The 33-year-old McLachlan is district commissioner for the Boy Scouts of America—Huron District, cubmaster for Cub Scouts Pack #1739, and a member of the St. Aloysius Catholic Church parish and the Halecreek Elementary School PTG. He and wife Theresa have two children: Jonathan, age eight, and Ryan, who's five.

For more information about the McLachlan campaign, write to his campaign headquarters (16268 Wildfox Court, Romulus) or call 941-3829.

### Donald R. Morris

Lifelong Romulus resident Donald Morris feels that it's time for him to become more involved in his hometown.

"I have raised and educated my family in Romulus, and I would like to give something back," he said.

Certainly, Morris comes by such feelings honestly. His father, Carl W. Morris, served on numerous Local, County, and State commissions and boards during his lifetime, but is probably best remembered for his 30 years as a member of the Romulus Community Schools Board of Education.

After completing his public-school education at Romulus Elementary, Romulus Junior High, and Romulus Senior High School, Morris went on to Michigan State University, earning a B.A. in business in 1968. He began working at TOTAL Petroleum, Inc., in 1983, after being employed at Manufacturers National Bank of Detroit (now Comerica) from 1969 to 1971 and at the Huron Valley Oil Company from 1971 to 1983. Currently, the 50-year-old Morris is TOTAL Petroleum's operations manager, responsible for construction, maintenance, transportation, and petroleum supply.

Morris' résumé of memberships in professional, civic, and service organizations includes the Michigan Petroleum Association (member, 1975–1983; zone representative, 1982–1983), the People's Community Hospital Authority (Board of Directors and Finance Committee member, 1982–1989), the City of Romulus Tax Increment Finance Authority (1984–1988), the City of Romulus Compensation Commission (member since 1993), the City of Romulus Planning Commission (member since 1995; currently vice-chairman), and the Romulus Rotary Club (member since 1979; former Board of Directors member; held all officer positions, including president during the Club's 50th anniversary year of 1989–1990).

He and wife Connee have two children: Eric, age 30, and Kristin (Calvin) Gross, 28.

Morris feels that his extensive service on various City boards has given him a great deal of insight into the

workings of local government. That's a strong asset to bring to the City Council, especially when combined with his experiences as a lifelong Romulus resident and longtime professional.

"Having lived in Romulus my entire life, I have seen its evolution from a rural community to a vast commercial complex," he said. "From a small local business started with my family in 1971 to my position as a statewide manager for a major oil company, I have gained vast experience in budgeting, forecasting, personnel and project management, and problem solving. I have worked with budgets similar to the City of Romulus', and I believe that my background will help me become the councilperson that this community needs."

That councilperson, says Morris, is one who can work cooperatively with his fellow Council members as well as other government bodies: "It is my belief that people can disagree, yet work together *without dividing our city* to achieve solutions to the many problems facing us."

Morris is especially interested in trying to establish a better working relationship with Wayne County on issues such as Airport expansion and noise mitigation – although he realizes that it won't be easy.

"The City can't take the County to task over its many injustices; that's just

not going to happen," he explained. "Still, there are several options that we could pursue if we could establish a good dialogue with the County. For instance, one way that we could lessen the negative impact associated with Airport expansion would be to find some way to get the County to return part of the land it has taken from our tax base, and use it to develop businesses that would not be affected by Airport noise. For all that we put up with, we deserve a piece of the pie in return."

Local roads are another area in which the City should pursue better relations with the County, according to Morris.

"We need to review the current road situation to plan for our needs and develop the necessary funding," he stated. "Wayne County should definitely become involved, especially with roads necessary to the Airport."

On the subject of EDS' proposals to operate deep-injection wells in Romulus, Morris was especially firm.

"I don't want *any* well here in Romulus," he stated. "It appears to me that the City has been successful in its battle against EDS up to this point, and I fully support its continuation, especially considering the investment that we've already made to date. I guess what I really wish for is that, someday soon, EDS will

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## Guest Commentary

### Treat Durant, At-risk Programs Separately

By State Representative Raymond E. Basham, 22nd District

Much of our time since session resumed after the summer recess has been devoted to settling the Durant case. Perhaps you have read about it or seen it in the news. The Durant case involves a lawsuit, brought against the State 17 years ago, in which 84 school districts claimed that the Headlee amendments had been violated when they were forced to provide certain special education courses, but were not provided the funding to do so. This past summer, the Supreme Court ruled in favor of the 84 districts. Since then, the debate has been over how the State will pay the \$211 million it now owes.

To my disappointment, the House failed in its attempt to override Governor Engler's veto of at-risk money for Michigan schools. A veto override takes 74 votes in the House (as opposed to the passage of a bill, which requires 56 votes) – and, because the House has only 58 Democrats, we obviously needed to garner some Republican support. The vote ended up being straight down party lines, with all Democrats in favor of restoring the money that the Governor had deleted from the budget.

With the override falling short of votes, we took a legislative route to restore the vetoed money – and, with 103 votes, we were successful in doing so. The bill we passed, SB 178, replaces \$252 million for at-risk programs in the 1997–1998 school budget (the exact amount that the Governor had vetoed from the original bill). I am pleased that Republicans joined us in supporting this very important legislation, and I certainly hope that the Senate follows our lead.

The veto and restoration have a rather complicated history. Initially, both the House and Senate had passed the K–12 budget with the \$252 million for at-risk programs, but, by the time the bill reached the Governor's desk, another wrinkle had surfaced. The Supreme Court had ordered the State to pay \$211 million to the 84 school districts which were plaintiffs in what became known as the Durant case. In order to meet the order, the Governor chose to veto the at-risk money and use the \$252 million to pay the plaintiffs.

The House Democrats established a plan to meet the Supreme Court order. In fact, just this week, the House voted 74–32 to pass HB 5083, which would reimburse those districts with money, in the form of a one-time payment, out of the State's Budget Stabilization Fund (BSF). This is in contrast to

the Governor's plan, which would have made payments over three years. Because we felt that the districts which were not litigants in the lawsuit also deserved some reimbursement, since they too had to incur the unfunded costs (to the tune of about \$800 million total), the proposal we passed includes \$77 million for them. We also included language expressing the intent that the same amount be paid over the next nine years from the interest on the Budget Stabilization Fund so that those districts would end up being fully reimbursed.

That sounds like a lot of money to come from interest, but not when you consider that, as of December 30, 1996, the BSF was at nearly \$1.2 billion and is expected to be somewhere fairly close to that at the end of this year. The Governor's plan to deal with the non-plaintiff districts, on the other hand, would have involved the State issuing bonds and then paying millions of dollars more in interest on that debt.

This bill now goes to the Senate for its consideration, and I hope that it will receive as much support there as it did in the House. This is a complicated issue, but it is one that we must address, not only because the Supreme Court has issued a decision by which we must abide, but because it is the right thing to do. Schools are already over a month into their year and the money needs to be disbursed without further delay.

The bottom line is this: The Durant liability and the at-risk programs, while both needing to be addressed, are separate issues, and should be treated as such. By passing SB 178, the House has restored the vetoed money and has provided funding for at-risk programs in our schools. I think we have all heard this before, but it bears repeating: at-risk programs for those children who need them have proven critical in their educational success. This is not an area in which we can afford to cut and not expect to have to pay for the consequences – and at a much higher sum down the road, I believe.

The House has now passed HB 5083, which will meet the obligation set forth by the Supreme Court order. The 84 plaintiffs in the Durant case would be paid the \$211 million owed to them, and the remaining districts would be paid the \$800 million to which they are entitled because they were shortchanged.

Together, SB 178 and HB 5083 solve this two-pronged problem. Both bills are now back in the Senate for its consideration. I only hope that my colleagues there recognize the same urgency that House members did. □

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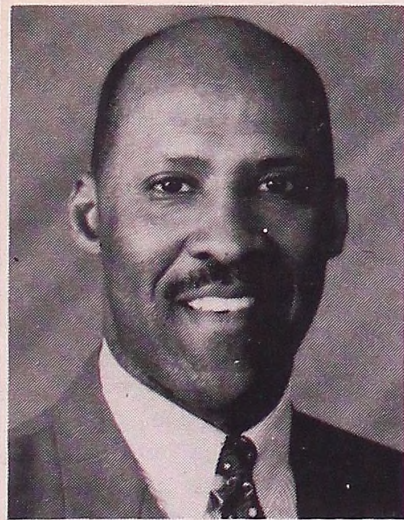
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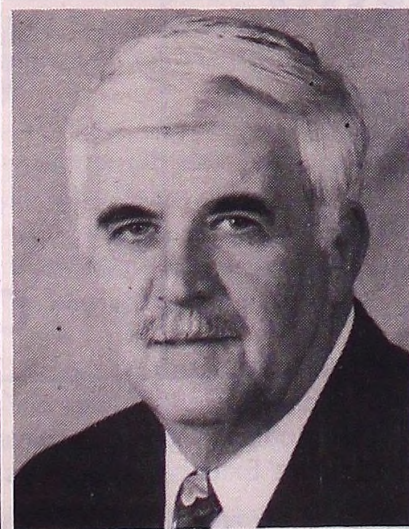
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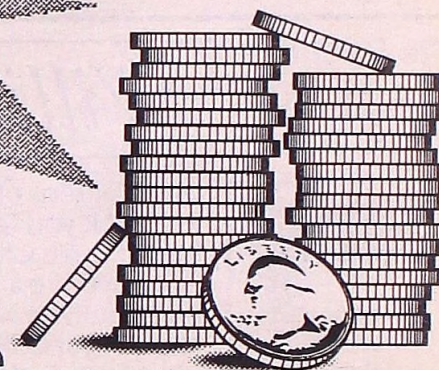
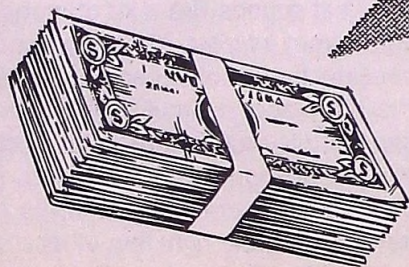
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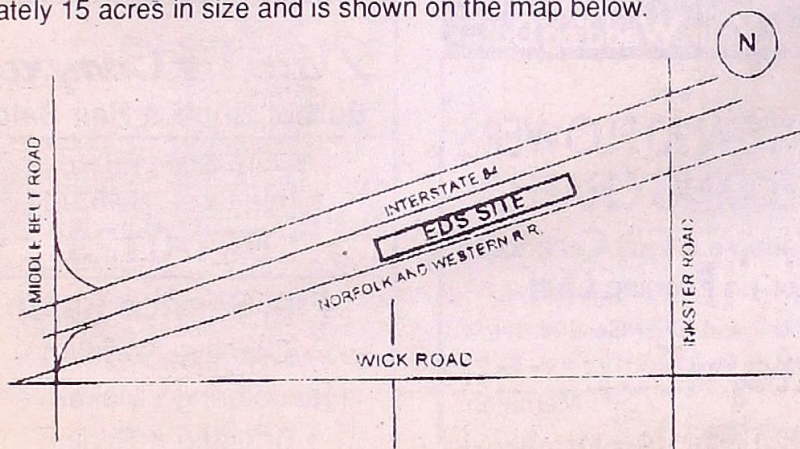
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Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc. (EDS) submitted an application for a permit to construct a hazardous waste management facility at 28470 Citrin Drive in Romulus, Michigan. The application is required under Part 111, Hazardous Waste Management, of Michigan's Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended (Act 451). The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), Waste Management Division, hereby gives notice that a public hearing will be held on October 22, 1997, to receive comments on the application.

The proposed EDS-Citrin Drive facility would accept liquid hazardous waste from off-site generators for disposal in deep injection wells. Prior to disposal in the deep injection wells, the wastes would be stored in tanks and containers and treated in tanks. The site for the proposed facility is approximately 15 acres in size and is shown on the map below.



The Part 111 of Act 451 application is required for the above-ground storage and treatment of hazardous waste prior to disposal in the deep injection wells. The deep injection wells are subject to separate permit actions under the federal Underground Injection Control Program and Part 625, Mineral Wells, of Act 451; they are not subject to the Part 111 of Act 451 construction permit requirements.

The Part 111 of Act 451 application will undergo two separate reviews: one by the MDEQ and one by the Site Review Board (SRB). The MDEQ is now conducting its technical review of the application. If the proposed facility satisfies the design and operating standards under Part 111 of Act 451, the MDEQ may refer the application to the SRB in December 1997. The SRB will focus on the potential impact that the proposed facility could have on the local community. After a series of public meetings, the SRB will recommend whether the MDEQ should issue or deny a construction permit for the EDS-Citrin Drive facility. If the entire review process follows the minimum schedule, a final decision could be reached by August 1998.

The purpose of the hearing on October 22, 1997, is to give the public an opportunity for input early in the review process and before any tentative decisions are reached. Both oral and written comments will be accepted during the hearing. Speakers will be asked to register at the hearing and to limit their presentations to allow time for everyone who is interested in speaking. The public hearing will be held at the Romulus High School Auditorium, 9650 South Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in this hearing should contact Mr. Steve Silver at the address below, or at 517-373-1976, at least a week in advance of the hearing to request mobility, visual, hearing, or other assistance.

The application may be reviewed at the Romulus Public Library located at 11121 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan; at the MDEQ's Southeastern Michigan District Office located at 38980 Seven Mile Road, Livonia, Michigan (contact Ms. Bonnie Maurer at 313-953-1408); and at the MDEQ's Waste Management Division Office located on the First Floor of the John A. Hannah Building, 608 West Allegan Street, Lansing, Michigan (contact Mr. Steve Silver at 517-373-1976).

Requests, comments, and questions regarding the application and review process should be addressed to Mr. Steve Silver, Waste Management Division, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 30241, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7741.

## Loafer's Rest Is Reminiscent of Old-time Country Store

By Rikki Strobos

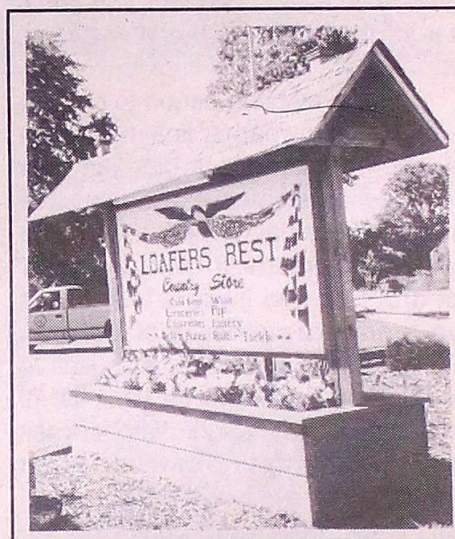
Remember the days when you could shop for everything from groceries to garden tools and clothing to cleaning supplies – all from the same country store? Well, a stop in at Loafer's Rest may remind you of those days because of the interesting variety of items for sale. In fact, evoking memories of yesteryear was just what proprietor Ann Hammac had in mind when she opened her establishment in June of 1996.

Her efforts have indeed been successful. Not only does Loafer's Rest offer the more traditional "party store" fare of cigarettes, groceries, deli sandwiches, snacks, candy, beer/wine/pop, and hot coffee/chocolate, it also deals in items such as country crafts and jewelry, as well as video rentals. There's even an ATM machine for customers' convenience.

And sportsmen should be on the lookout for the hunting and fishing department which employee Mike Kay will be opening soon.

Customer service is especially important to Hammac.

"Loafer's Rest has a 'down-home' atmosphere of friendliness and courtesy," said the Kentucky native. "I wanted to create a place where people can shop for convenience items without having to put up with the 'hurry-up, in-and-out' treatment that's typical of so many convenience stores."



A seamstress for 27 years, Hammac also has plenty of small-business management experience, having previously overseen both a religious gift shop and a candy store. She says that she's pleased to be doing her small part to help the surrounding community grow.

"So many good things are happening in this area right now," she enthused. "It's an exciting time to be in business."

Hammac and her son Ron, who also works at the store, have lived in Romulus for the past 25 years.

Loafer's Rest, located at 39431 Huron River Drive, is open from 8 a.m. to 12:30 a.m., Monday through Saturday, and from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call 955-9295. □



Mike Kay and Ann Hammac pose with "Huggie," a familiar friend to Loafer's Rest shoppers.

# Halloween Brings Ghouls, Goblins, Ghosts . . . & Goodies

By Florine Mark, president and chairman of the board of The WW Group, Inc.

The leaves have begun to change color, the cold weather is almost upon us, and the kids get to pick out their Halloween costumes. But don't leave the grown-ups out of the fun. After the kids have returned with their treats, why not dress up and invite a few friends over to enjoy a few goodies of your own.

Although it's sometimes difficult to include healthy eating on your list of holiday priorities, Weight Watchers has come up with some Halloween dessert selections that are low in fat, but lots of fun! In fact, "Pumpkin Ricotta Cheesecake," "Chocolate-Orange Pudding," and "Orange Sunshine Cakes" are sure to make your Halloween get-together a

ghoulishly good time.

Ricotta, the rich fresh cheese found in both the "Pumpkin Ricotta Cheesecake" and the "Chocolate-Orange Pudding" is so named because the word actually means "recooked." The cheese is made by heating the whey from another cooked cheese. To form the ricotta cheese that we find in the United States today, the whey is usually mixed with whole or skim milk.

Cocoa powder, made from cocoa beans, provides the rich taste for "Chocolate-Orange Pudding." For best results, with this recipe and others, cocoa mixes should not be substituted for cocoa powder.

All three recipes can be made in advance to ensure a fun and stress-free October 31! Enjoy!

## Pumpkin Ricotta Cheesecake

(makes 8 servings)

12 honey graham crackers  
(2 1/2" squares), made into crumbs  
1 1/3 cups instant nonfat dry milk powder  
3/4 cup part-skim ricotta cheese  
3/4 cup egg substitute  
2/3 cup low-fat (1%) cottage cheese  
1/2 cup canned pumpkin  
1/4 cup firmly packed light brown sugar  
1 tablespoon lemon juice  
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon  
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract

Preheat oven to 300° F. Spray in 8" springform pan with nonstick cooking spray. Sprinkle bottom of pan evenly with graham cracker crumbs.

In blender or food processor, add milk powder, ricotta, egg substitute, cottage cheese, pumpkin, brown sugar, juice, cinnamon, and vanilla and puree until smooth; pour mixture into prepared pan.

Bake 50-60 minutes, or until knife inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in pan 10 minutes; remove from pan and cool completely on rack. Cover and refrigerate until ready to serve.

Serving (1/8 of cake) provides: 1/2 Milk, 1 Protein, 1/2 Bread, 25 Optional Calories (4 Points).

Per serving: 176 Calories, 3 g. Total Fat, 2 g. Saturated Fat, 10 mg. Cholesterol, 277 mg. Sodium, 24 g. Total Carbohydrate, 1 g. Dietary Fiber, 12 g. Protein, 233 mg. Calcium.

Source: *Weight Watchers Magazine - Dessert Classics*

## Chocolate-Orange Pudding

(makes 4 servings)

1 envelope unflavored gelatin  
1 cup low-fat (1%) milk  
1/3 cup firmly packed dark brown sugar  
3/4 cup part-skim ricotta cheese  
1/4 cup unsweetened cocoa powder  
1 tablespoon + 1 teaspoon orange liqueur  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract

In small saucepan, sprinkle gelatin over milk; let stand 1 minute until softened. Stir in brown sugar; cook over medium-low heat, stirring constantly, about 2 minutes, until gelatin is completely dissolved (do not boil).

In blender, combine ricotta cheese, cocoa powder, orange liqueur and vanilla extract; process on medium speed, about 1 minute, until pureed, scraping down sides of container as necessary.

Reduce speed to low; gradually add milk mixture; process until combined. Evenly pour pudding into each of four 6-ounce custard cups. Cover with plastic wrap; refrigerate until set, at least 2 hours.

Each serving provides: 1/4 Milk, 3/4 Protein, 90 Optional Calories (4 Points).

Per serving: 193 Calories, 10 g. Protein, 5 g. Fat, 28 g. Carbohydrate, 100 mg. Sodium, 17 mg. Cholesterol, 2 g. Dietary Fiber.

Source: *The Weight Watchers Complete Cookbook & Program Basics*, 1994

## Orange Sunshine Cakes

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1 tablespoon vanilla extract  
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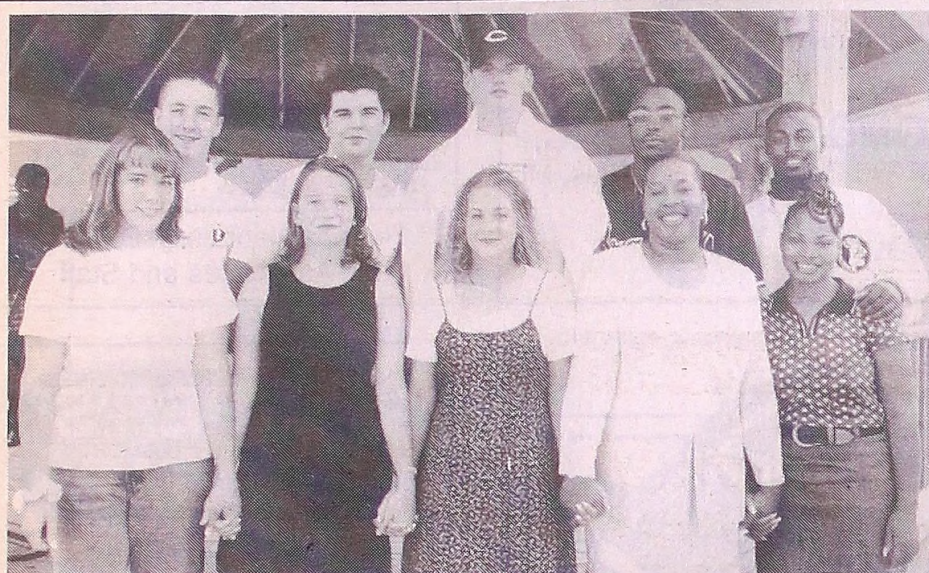
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# Homecoming, 1997



Homecoming Court, 1997: (back row, from left) Wayne Bingham, Charlie Makowski, Matt Martin, Roger Marion, and Norman Trotter; and (front row, from left) Leslie Slone, Stacey Luczak, Nicole Laskaska, LaMeisha Orr, and Kisha Stewart. (photo: Romulus High School photo staff)

Romulus High School's Homecoming Week, 1997, moves toward its conclusion on Friday, October 10, when the Varsity Eagle football team faces Robichaud High School.

The game, which starts at 7 p.m., will be preceded at 5 p.m. by the annual Homecoming Parade, slated to follow its usual route (beginning at Romulus City Hall, continuing along Gabriel,

Goddard, Neville, and Ozga, and ending at Romulus Middle School).

Grand Marshal of this year's parade will be Sandy Tenney, a longtime Romulus Community Schools bus driver who's also a beloved "second mother" to many students. Also of special interest will be the Romulus High School Alumni Association's first-ever float, constructed at the Dean Burcroff family's barn (a site familiar to many local alumni who, during *their* student days, built floats there with Burcroff classmates). Other floats – reflecting 1997's "Comic Book Characters" theme – will be entered by the freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior classes; the winner of the Float Competition will be announced during the game's halftime period.

Also announced at halftime will be the winner of the annual Spirit Jug Competition. Among the most popular events in the Competition were the traditional Dress-up Days: "Sports"/Monday, "Pajamas"/Tuesday, "Hat & Sunglasses"/Wednesday, "Dress-up" (no jeans, no t-shirts, no gym shoes)/Thursday, and "Maroon & White"/Friday.

Halftime's "crowning" moment will come with the announcement of the Homecoming King and Queen, selected from the 1997 Homecoming Court (pictured at left). The Prince and Princess of the junior, sophomore, and freshman classes have already been named. They are: Class of 1999 – Teanntray Howard and Thais Carter; Class of 2000 – Byron Cole and Jarene Armstrong; and Class of 2001 – Alan Brohl and Nicole Johnson.

Wrapping up the week's activities will be the annual Homecoming Dance, which will be held in the Romulus High School cafeteria on Saturday, October 11, from 7 to 11 p.m. In keeping with the "humanitarianism" theme which will underlie many events at the High School this year, any student bringing a can of food will receive a \$1 discount on the cost of his/her ticket. The canned goods will be donated to the Helping Hand Thrift Shop of Romulus.

Once again, the Romulus High School Alumni Association is an inte-



Alumni Home Run Derby winner Kevin Wojtylko (center) poses with Lowell Johnson (left), former RHS baseball coach and athletic director, and Don Foley, the current varsity baseball coach. (photo: Keith Brothers)

gral part of the adult community's celebration of Homecoming. Alumni events began on Saturday, October 4, with the Third Annual Alumni Baseball Game/Home Run Derby. Kevin Wojtylko, Class of '67, was the winner of the Derby, and continued his slugging with another "dinger" in the Alumni game which followed. Game participants were split into two teams ("odd-year" and "even-year" graduates), with the odd team coming out on top of the 9-2 contest. (For those of you keeping track, that's the "odd" team's second straight victory, putting them ahead 2-1 overall.)

Finally, don't forget that alumni attending the Homecoming game are invited to stop in at the Association's tent to sign up as new members or renew old memberships, visit with friends, and enjoy some of the group's now-famous "walk-around chili." And be sure to stop and see Florence Satterlee, who will be selling RHS sweatshirts – featuring a new design! – to raise money for her students' "Business Professionals of America" group.

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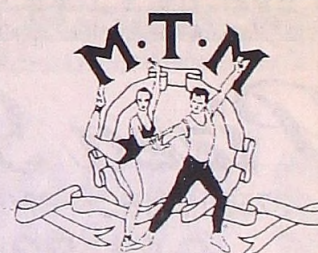
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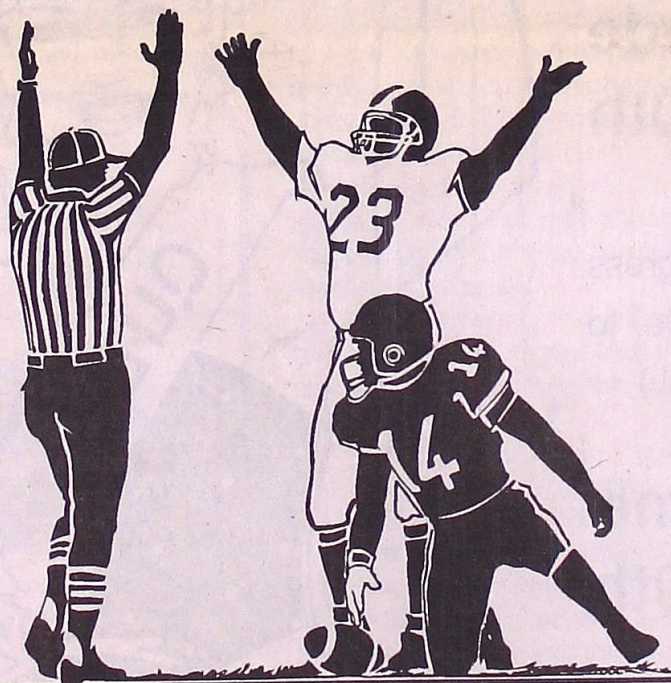
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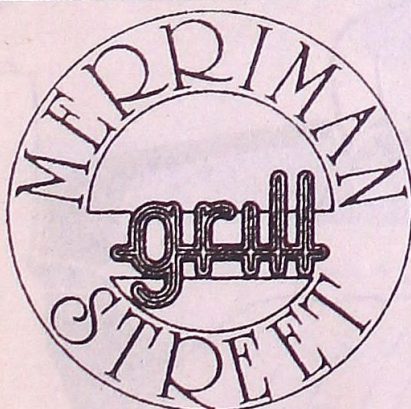
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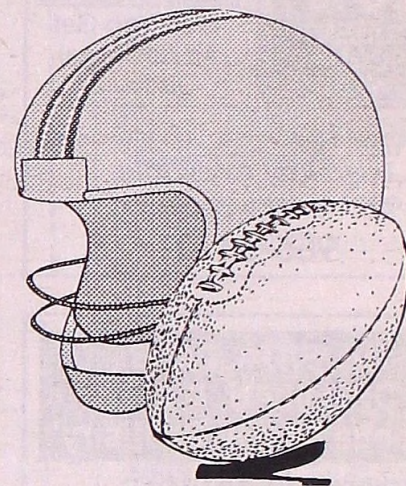
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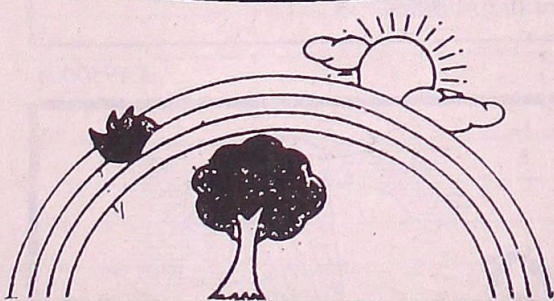
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"Hodgepodge zoning" is another area of concern to Morris: "We have a pretty good master plan in place," he said, "but, over the years, it hasn't been followed very faithfully."

He would also like to see better, more consistent ordinance enforcement.

"Proper ordinance enforcement is an enormous job, and it's only getting bigger as our city's development boom continues," he stated. "I believe it's important enough that we should consider using some of the additional money generated by our increasing tax base to expand the department."

For more information about the Morris campaign, write to his headquarters (13700 Huron River Drive, Romulus) or call 941-2838.

### Michael Prybyla

"In 1993, my first time as a candidate, I expressed the need for residential development and to find ways to make Metro Airport's proximity an asset to help counter its negative impact on our city. I believe that we have improved in both areas," said Councilman Michael Prybyla. "At the present time, the City of Romulus has four new Council-approved subdivisions, and more are before the Planning Commission. Commercial properties are also being developed with Airport-related industries, increasing the City's tax base."

"I see a great growth for the City of Romulus, which just recently has been 'discovered' by developers and future residents," he added.

Prybyla believes that a big reason for the City's recent steps forward is the ability of Council and the Administration to work hand in hand.

"The Romulus Police Department has increased its patrol staff by 15 officers in the past two years, and much of the credit for that is due to Mayor Oakley and Police Chief Kirby," Prybyla stated. "Our roads are improving each and every year, as well, and this is also due

to the joint efforts of the City Council and the Administration."

Still another area where teamwork seems to be paying off in a big way is Metro World Centre.

"Currently proposed plans would give our community a new, 130-acre shopping complex on Wick Road," he said. "After the interchange completion, the development will boast outlet shops and cinema and food facilities."

Among the personal accomplishments which Prybyla proudly enumerates are:

- bringing a fresh approach to Council meetings;
- supporting the rejection of the EDS deep-well;
- introducing legislation to change the name of Kennedy Park to Mary Ann Banks Memorial Park; and
- supporting a City Charter amendment, ultimately approved by voters, to increase City elected officials' terms from two to four years.

Prybyla says that he has not sought the endorsement of any specific group.

"I don't pursue endorsements because I want to remain independent," he explained. "I like to think that the most important endorsement I've received has come from the general public, and I only hope that my past performance will earn voters' continued support in November."

Following his graduation from Detroit's Osborn High School, Prybyla attended Ferris State University in Big Rapids, Michigan, where he received a B.S. in environmental health in 1966. In 1978, he completed his Master's Degree in environmental health administration at the University of Michigan.

Prybyla put his education to good use on behalf of the community, working for Wayne County's Environmental Health Department from 1966 to 1994.

A Romulus resident since 1966, Prybyla has lived in his present home since 1967. He and his wife Midge have two children, Lee and Heather.

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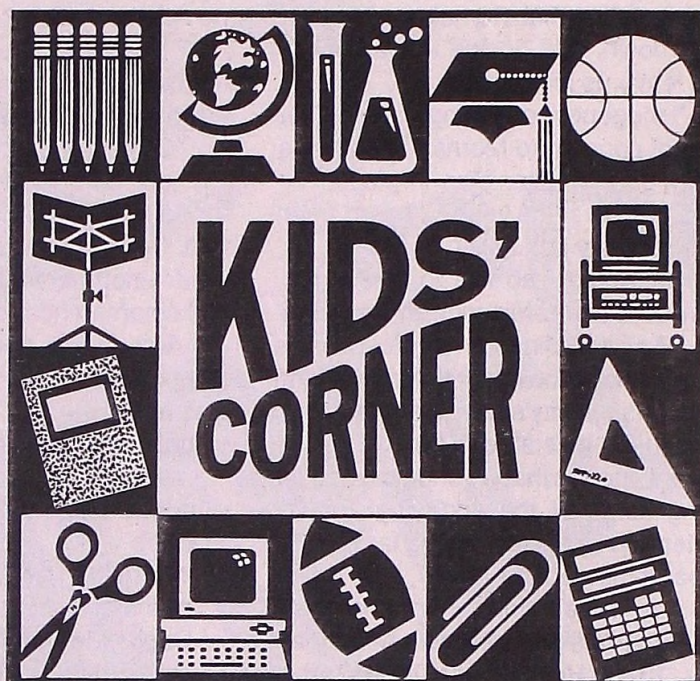
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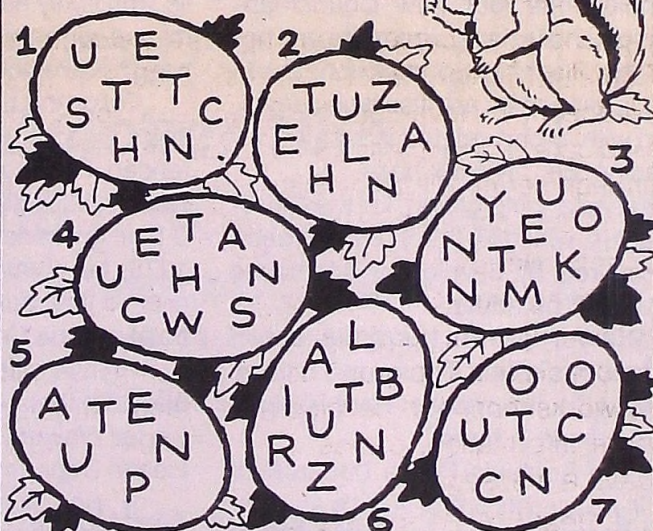
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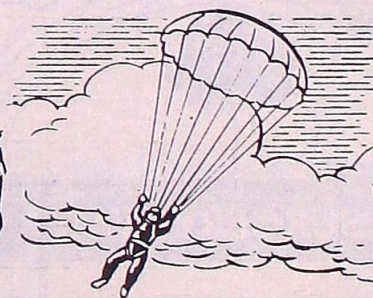
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|---|-----------------------|
| 1. The Louisiana Purchase was offered to this country first. They refused it. | A. Rome               |
| 2. Americans lost this battle.  | B. Ben Franklin       |
| 3. Who said, "There was never a good war or a bad peace."                     | C. England            |
| 4. This food, developed in the 1500s, was originally called "oil cake."       | D. Hamburger          |
| 5. Where the first circus was held.   | E. Massachusetts      |
| 6. "An army marches on its stomach" is a quote from who?                      | F. Alaska             |
| 7. A food originating in the middle ages by Germans.                          | G. Breed's Hill       |
| 8. One of the major battles of the Revolutionary War was fought here.         | H. Doughnuts          |
| 9. Where the Battle of Bunker Hill actually took place.                       | I. Bunker Hill        |
| 10. What did America purchase from Russia for about two cents per acre.       | J. Napoleon Bonaparte |

**Answers**  
1. C 2. I 3. B 4. H 5. A 6. J  
7. D 8. E 9. G 10. F

## Kids in history

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- The first mill in America opened in 1791. In this mill, nine children ran spinning machines for 14 hours a day, six days a week. By 1796, 100 children, ages 4-10, were working in another spinning mill.
- In the 1500s and 1600s, whooping cough was treated by putting a live frog in the sick child's mouth. Another "cure" was to hold an old spider over his head. Thank goodness this cure isn't in use today — it didn't even work!
- The ancient Egyptians thought children could see into the future.
- Aristotle, a thinker of ancient Greece, said children have bad memories because their heads are heavy compared to the rest of their bodies.

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Attach any additional information concerning the birth to this form.

## Community Calendar

- **Chamber Seeks Nominations for "Person of the Year"** – The Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce is seeking nominations for its 18th annual Romulus Person of the Year award. To qualify as a nominee, a person must have made a significant contribution to his/her community in one or more areas. The individual selected as Person of the Year will be honored at an awards banquet in March 1988. Nomination forms can be obtained by calling 326-4290. Deadline for nominations is December 1.
- **Trash or Treasure?** – Bargain shoppers won't want to miss the Romulus Senior Center's rummage sale, which will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Friday, October 17, and Saturday, October 18. A wide variety of items will be offered for sale, including furniture, household items, clothing, and old records and books. (Note: A few free spaces still remain open to Romulus seniors, age 50 and up. For more information, call the Senior Center: 942-6852.)
- **Household Dog Obedience Class** – The Adult & Community Education program at Wayne County Community College is offering a "household dog obedience" class beginning October 21. Dogs must be at least five-and-a-half months of age; proof of shots and a negative fecal check must be presented to the training master on the first night of class; and dogs must be on a leash and wear a training collar. Doggie treats are optional, but nice to have. No animals that endanger other animals or humans will be accepted; this includes wolves, wolf hybrids, pit bulls, etc., deemed to be dangerous by the trainer. All handlers taking the class must be at least 18 years of age. For more information or to learn about about schedules and fees, please call 697-5334.
- **Flu Shots** – People of any age are welcome to come in to the Romulus Senior Center between 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 5, to receive a low-cost flu shot (free to Medicare subscribers; \$5 for all others). In order to be sure that enough serum will be available, the Center asks those planning to come in to call at least a day ahead: 942-6852.
- **Special Needs PAC Needs You!** – The Romulus Special Needs Parent Advisory Committee wants to serve as a communication link between parents/guardians of "special needs" children and the school district. The group hopes to increase public awareness, put on workshops, and develop a handbook for special services. For more information, please call either 941-7330 or 941-4249 and leave a message.
- **Big, Beautiful People Welcome!** – The "More to Love" Social Club for Big, Beautiful People and their admirers welcomes you. For information on upcoming events, call 313-438-2720.
- **Help for Pregnant and Parenting Teens** – The Young Mothers Assistance Program (Y-MAP) offers pregnant and parenting teens help with community-resource referrals, monthly support groups, personal counseling, and more. For more information, please call 313-513-7598.
- **Perinatal Loss Support Group** – The Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne Maternal Child Care Department offers a Perinatal Loss Support Group – a healing group for parents who have experienced a loss through miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, stillbirth, or newborn death. The support group meets every Monday from 7:45 to 9 p.m. at the Oakwood Center (33155 Annapolis). For further information and/or to RSVP (RSVP is required), please call 467-5588.

To place information in the Community Calendar, mail it to  
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## Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Audry Moomaw, Manager of the Romulus Tower, and to Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column. (Note: For further information about events at the Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins, call 942-6852.)

### Happy Birthday!

Best wishes for a wonderful birthday to those of my Tower neighbors born in October: Margaret Haliburda, Betty Jones, Georgetta Lee, Deann Maupin, Cynthia Semczuk (staff), June Tracy, Gladene Usher, Medodeane Weaver, Geraldine Westbay, and Debra Wierzbicki (staff).

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A few spaces remain for Romulus seniors (age 50 and over) who would like to participate (sign up *now* if interested!). There is no rental fee.

### Volunteers Honored

Approximately 50 Romulus Senior Center volunteers were recognized at a special breakfast held in their honor on September 8.

"I don't know what I'd do without them," says Senior Programs Director Linda Norman. "As far as I'm concerned, their selfless dedication can't be praised highly enough."

Among the honorees were: Thelma Ballard, Edna (Sandy) Bell, Theresa Bizak, Charles Blanton, Cheryl Blanton, Gertrude Block, Rose Block, Blanche Bogotski, James Braggs, Blondell Butler, Noel Butler, Ruth Carter, Theresa Chadwick, Laura Chesno, Geneva Clark, Charlie Curley, Ruth Curley, Starr Dailey-Bennett, Clara Drogs, Sylvia Dubisky, Dorothy Federspiel, Marge Felenchak, Gloria Fitzgerald, Donna Genovesse, Johnny Hamilton, Oscar Hamilton, Dot Icenogle, Richard Jackson, Eileen James, Earl Kadau, Lois Kadau, Bill Lavin, Dorothy Lutz, Margaret Maciejewski, Karen McGillis, Ruth McGoldrick, Shirley Mills, Louis Mitchell, Grace Nehra, Dolores Nowlin, Brian Oakley, Jackie Pregler, Hal Reiderman, Louise Shropshire, Mary Sneath, Dorothy Snyr, Dorothy Stillwagon, Doll Wands, and Viola Willoughby.

(Note: Although some honorees are also Center employees, they were recognized for services performed above and beyond their normal jobs.)

Also in attendance was local attorney Brian A. Oakley, who has been named an "honorary senior citizen" for his continued work at the Center, where he offers free legal counseling to Romulus seniors on a monthly basis.

Congratulations, and thanks, to all!

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### Center Offers Transportation Service

Round-trip service within the Romulus city limits is available to local seniors each Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for a fee of just \$1. Reservations may be made by calling 942-6852.

Note: Although it is possible to make a reservation as late as 2 p.m. on the day before your trip, the Center recommends that you call as early as possible to insure that space is available.

### Weekly Programs

The Romulus Senior Center has a full schedule of weekly programs for senior citizens' enjoyment. Come in on your own or bring a friend for ceramics (Mondays at 1 and 6 p.m.); Club #1 meetings (Tuesdays at 11 a.m.); euchre (Tuesdays at 1 p.m.); bingo (Wednesdays at 1 p.m.); pinochle (Thursdays at 1 p.m.); and craft classes (Thursdays at 1 p.m.).

### Hot Lunch

For just \$1.50, Romulus seniors (age 60 and over) can enjoy a hot lunch at the Center any weekday at 11:30 a.m. Call the Romulus Senior Center at least 24 hours in advance to make a reservation. Home delivery of hot meals is also available for qualified individuals. For more information about "Meals on Wheels," call 1-800-851-1454.

### Volunteers Wanted

The Wayne County Office of Nutrition Services is seeking volunteers to deliver hot meals to home-bound seniors in Romulus. All that is needed is a willing heart, transportation, and 30 to 60 minutes, one to five mornings per week. Volunteers receive a 21-cents-per-mile reimbursement.

For more information, call Fran Ryder at 326-4441. □

## HALLOWEEN GOODIES

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Preheat oven to 375° F. On sheet of wax paper sift together flour and baking soda; set aside.

Using electric mixer on medium speed, in large mixing bowl beat margarines until combined; gradually add granulated sugar and continue beating until mixture is light and fluffy.

Add yogurt, eggs, and vanilla and beat 1 minute longer; add flour mixture; beat on low until thoroughly combined.

Spray twelve 2 1/2-inch nonstick muffin-pan cups with nonstick spray; fill each cup with an equal amount of batter (about 2 tablespoons). Bake in middle

of center oven rack for 15 to 20 minutes (until cakes are golden, and a cake tester, inserted in center, comes out dry). Invert cakes onto wire rack and let cool.

In small mixing bowl, combine confectioners' sugar, 1 1/2 teaspoons water, and the orange peel and stir until smooth. Drizzle icing over each cake equally.

Each serving provides: 1 Fat, 1 Bread, 70 Optional Calories (4 Points).

Per serving: 172 Calories, 4 g. Protein, 5 g. Fat, 27 g. Carbohydrate, 43 mg. Calcium, 155 mg. Sodium, 37 mg. Cholesterol, 0.4 g. Dietary Fiber.

Source: *Weight Watcher's Healthy Lifestyle Cookbook*, 1991 □



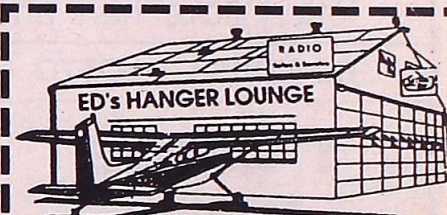
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## New Arrivals

### Joseph C. Banas

Announcing the birth of their first child, Joseph Christopher Banas, are Joe Banas and Diane Sawicki of Romulus.

Born in Riverside Hospital (Trenton, MI) at 12:05 p.m. on Thursday, September 25, 1997, Joseph weighed eight pounds, four ounces, and measured 21 inches.

Proud grandparents are Walter and Pat Banas (New Boston, MI) and Doris Muck (Flat Rock, MI). □

## Obituaries

### Clyde J. Green

Clyde J. Green of Romulus, Michigan, died on Monday, October 6, 1997. He was 72 years old.

The Ford Motor Company retiree was born in Sevierville, Tennessee, on March 11, 1925.

Clyde is survived by six sons, Robert C. (Old Fort, NC), James A. (Romulus, MI), Darrel E. (Uxbridge, MA), Rick D. (Romulus, MI), Dwayne D. (Flat Rock, MI), and Paul J. Green (Romulus, MI); two daughters, Mrs. Dave (Vicki L.)

Sanderson (Taylor, MI) and Mrs. Brent (Sharon P.) Nieman (Romulus, MI); one sister, Velma G. Stevens (Romulus, MI); 17 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. He was predeceased by his wife, Lula L. (Pittman) Green.

Funeral services were held Thursday, October 9, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with Reverend Neil Swanger (Ball Road Tabernacle, Romulus, MI) officiating. Burial was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock, MI).

### James Nelson McDonald

James Nelson McDonald of Romulus, Michigan, died on Sunday, October 5, 1997, at the age of 48.

James — a native of Trenton, Michigan — was born on November 1, 1948. The Hayes Wheels retiree was also a member of United Auto Workers Local #78 and an Allen Park Key Masonic Lodge Shriner.

He is survived by his wife, Linda Lee McDonald; two daughters, Mickey A. (and her husband Art) McDonald-Mobley (Tustin, CA) and Amy A. McDon-

ald-Torres (Romulus, MI); three grandchildren, Jessica, Kaela M., and Caessi A. Torres; and two brothers, John and Jerry McDonald.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, October 8, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with Pastor Ron Helms (Southgate Freewill Baptist Church, Southgate, MI) officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock, MI).

Memorial tributes may be made to Shriners Burn Hospital (Chicago, IL).

### Harry J. McGhen

Harry J. McGhen of Romulus, Michigan, died on Sunday, September 28, 1997. He was 75 years old.

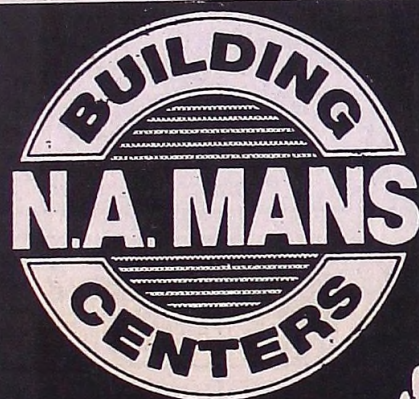
Harry was born in Detroit, Michigan, on August 5, 1922. He and his wife of 50 years, Dorothy E. McGhen, were married in Romulus, Michigan, on September 6, 1947. The Michigan Bell Telephone Company retiree was also a member of the Communications Workers of America, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #9568 (Romulus, MI), and Moose Lodge #934.

He is survived by his wife; one son, Thomas E. McGhen (Romulus, MI); one daughter, Mrs. Conley (Paula) Smith

(Romulus, MI); two sisters, Mrs. Al (Virginia) Martin (San Marcos, CO) and Mrs. John (Mary Ann) Ryznar (Romulus, MI); and two grandchildren. Harry was predeceased by one brother and one sister.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, October 2, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with Brother George White (House of Prayer, Pinckney, MI) officiating. Burial was at Romulus Memorial Cemetery (Romulus, MI).

Memorial tributes may be made to the Romulus Crop Walk (contact the Community United Methodist Church of Romulus, MI, for more information). □



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